



Brownfields 2004 Cleanup Grant Fact Sheet

King County, WA

EPA Brownfields Program

EPA's Brownfields Program empowers states, communities, and other stakeholders to work together to prevent, assess, safely clean up, and sustainably reuse brownfields. A brownfield site is real property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. On January 11, 2002, President George W. Bush signed into law the Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. Under the Brownfields Law, EPA provides financial assistance to eligible applicants through four competitive grant programs: assessment grants, revolving loan fund grants, cleanup grants, and job training grants. Additionally, funding support is provided to state and tribal response programs through a separate mechanism.

Community Description

King County (population 1,779,300) was selected to receive a brownfields cleanup grant. Harborview Hospital is located in a federally designated Enterprise Community in the city of Seattle. While the hospital serves the entire city of 563,374, the neighborhood's immediate population of 6,025 is significantly more impoverished (30.5 percent of families with children, compared to Seattle's 11.1 percent). Nearly 70 percent of Harborview patients are covered by Medicaid or other government programs, or are uninsured. These and other needy populations will be served by the clinics and other facilities to be housed in the facility. At the request of the surrounding community, the new building that will be built on the site after cleanup will have 2,000 square feet of retail space and will create 220 temporary construction jobs and 40 permanent retail jobs.

Cleanup Grant

\$200,000 for hazardous substances

EPA has selected King County for a brownfields cleanup grant. Hazardous substances grant funds will be used to excavate and dispose of contaminated soil discovered on the site of the expansion for Harborview Medical Center. The soil is contaminated with chlorinated organic compounds, believed to have originated from historic dry-cleaning operations. Removal of the contaminated soil will prevent migration of tetrachloroethylene to the air and groundwater, protecting human health and the environment. The cleaned up site will be used for a new hospital building that will be owned by the county and operated by the University of Washington.

Contacts

For further information, including specific grant contacts, additional grant information, brownfields news and events, and publications and links, visit the EPA Brownfields Web site (<http://www.epa.gov/brownfields>).

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EPA Region 10 Brownfields Web site
(<http://yosemite.epa.gov/R10/CLEANUP.NSF/sites/bf>)

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